

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION

Docket No. YOR920030173US1

As below named inventors, we hereby declare that:

Our residences, post office addresses and citizenships are as stated below next to our respective names.

We believe we are the original and first joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

IMPROVED CHEMICAL PLANARIZATION PERFORMANCE FOR COPPER/LOW-K INTERCONNECT STRUCTURES

the specification of which

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_____ was filed on _____ as Application Serial No. _____ and was amended on _____ (if applicable).

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office all information known to us to be material to the patentability of this application as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.


We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate(s) listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate(s) having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

<u>Prior Foreign Application(s)</u>	<u>Priority Claimed</u>
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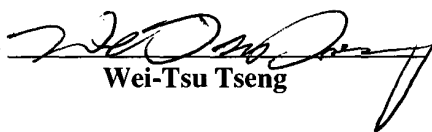

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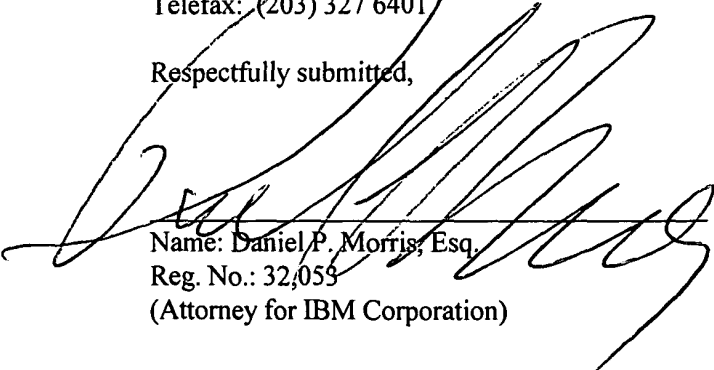
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